



# FEMA

## FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

### FEED MY SHEEP NUTRITION CENTER RELOCATION PROJECT GULFPORT, HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI FEMA-1604-DR-MS

The City of Gulfport has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for assistance with a relocation project for the Feed My Sheep Nutrition Center in Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi. The City of Gulfport, in conjunction with a local private non-profit organization, operated the nutrition center that provided services to feed disadvantaged people in the Gulfport area. The nutrition center utilized space within the City of Gulfport's Gaston Hewes Recreation Center, located at 2008 17th Street in Gulfport. On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina struck the Mississippi Gulf Coast, severely damaging the recreation center. FEMA proposes to provide assistance for this project through the Public Assistance Program (PA) under Presidential Disaster Declaration FEMA-1604-DR-MS.

In accordance with 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) for FEMA, Subpart B, Agency Implementing Procedures, Part 10.9, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared pursuant to Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the regulations promulgated by the President's Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508). The purpose of the EA is to analyze the potential environmental impacts of the relocation project, and to determine whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). In the EA process, FEMA considered two alternatives, the No Action Alternative and the Proposed Action Alternative.

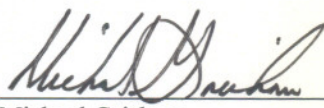
The Proposed Action Alternative would relocate and construct the new Feed My Sheep Nutrition Center on a 0.52-acre site at the intersection of 19th Street and 27th Avenue in Gulfport. The proposed Feed My Sheep Nutrition Center site is approximately 0.14 miles North of the former Gaston Hewes Recreation Center site and approximately 6 blocks from Downtown Gulfport. The proposed site is located outside the 100-year floodplain and advisory base flood elevation (ABFE) zone.

This proposed project as described in the EA was evaluated for any potential significant adverse impacts to existing land use, water resources (surface water, groundwater, waters of the United States, and floodplains), air quality, noise, biological resources (vegetation, fish and wildlife, State and Federally-listed threatened or endangered species and critical habitat), and cultural resources. It was also evaluated for safety and hazardous materials issues as well as for disproportionately high and adverse effects on minority or low income populations.

## FINDINGS

Based on input and consultations with Federal and State resource agencies, and other identified sources documented in the attached EA and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act FEMA regulations (44 CFR Part 10) for environmental considerations, and executive orders on floodplains (EO 11988), wetlands (EO 11990) and environmental justice (EO 12898), FEMA has found that the proposed project with the prescribed mitigation measures as defined in the EA will have no significant impact on the natural or human environment. As a result of this Finding of No Significant Impact, an EIS will not be prepared and the proposed project with prescribed conditions may proceed. If a change in the scope of work occurs, the State and FEMA must be notified to evaluate if the proposed change would alter the potential impacts on the environment.

Recommended:

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**FEMA Environmental Liaison Officer**

Approved:

 6/22/07  
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